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### **Wenatchee workshop promotes job safety for young workers**

TUMWATER – A workshop scheduled for Sept. 16 in Wenatchee will help local employers prevent on-the-job injuries to young workers. Teen workers are injured on the job twice as often as adults, causing pain and suffering for young workers and increasing costs for employers due to lost productivity and workers' compensation expenses.

"Supervising for Safety" features child labor specialist Mary Miller, and is sponsored by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) and the Apple Valley Human Resource Association (AVHRA). It is one of a series of workshops presented statewide by L&I.

The workshop will inform local business owners and managers about the special needs of young workers, rules that apply to them, basic safety requirements, and how to prevent common injuries that young workers suffer on the job. The workshops also cover teen labor laws, as well as general injury-prevention strategies that are useful for workers of all ages.

The Wenatchee workshop will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Wenatchee Convention Center, 201 N. Wenatchee Ave. Admission for AVHRA members is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Admission for non-AVHRA members is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The admission fee includes lunch.

Participants may register by contacting Annie Horey at Cashmere Valley Bank, 509-782-5406, or by e-mail at [ahorey@cashmerevalleybank.com](mailto:ahorey@cashmerevalleybank.com).

If you're a young person with a job, employ teen workers, or are the parent of a teen worker, you can find more information about teen safety on the job and regulations covering teen workers at [www.Teenworkers.LNI.wa.gov](http://www.Teenworkers.LNI.wa.gov).

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### **Radio broadcast version (:30)**

Teenage workers are injured on the job twice as often as adults. Preventing those injuries is the goal of a workshop in Wenatchee sponsored by the Department of Labor and Industries and the Apple Valley Human Resource Association.

The workshop on September 16 at the Wenatchee Convention Center will give business owners and managers some tips on how to prevent common injuries suffered by young workers.

For more information on the teen safety workshop, call 782-5406. That number again: 782-5406.